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(e) The steps taken by Government of India are as follows:

(i) Legal protection has been provided to wild animals including tigers against hunting and commercial exploitation under the provisions of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. *I*

(ii) Financial and technical help is being extended to the States under Centrally Sponsored Schemes for enhancing the capacity and infrastructure to provide effective protection to wild animals.

(iii) Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has been empowered under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 to apprehend and prosecute wildlife offenders.

(iv) Ministry of Home Affairs has written to all State Governments to lend a helping hand to the field formations to curb poaching and illegal trade in wildlife.

(v) A Special Coordination and Enforcement Committee has been set up under the chairmanship of Secretary (Environment and Forests), Government of India for control of poaching and illegal trade in wildlife.

(vi) In the recent meeting of Indian Board on Wildlife, it has resolved to declare the wildlife and forest as priority sector and fill up all the vacant posts of the frontline staff immediately and also to provide basic infrastructure necessary for efficient discharge of duties by them.

Noise pollution at IGI Airport

342. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a noise pollution monitoring exercise was undertaken at the IGI Airport, New Delhi by the Central Pollution Control Board, which revealed that the decibel level at the airport exceeded the permissible limits by the wide margin; and

(b) whether the noise pollution so generated adversely affects the residents of the camps of para-military forces and other residential colonies, located in the adjoing areas?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) The Central Pollution Control Board in association with the Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee has conducted a study to assess the noise pollution around IGI Airport.The noise levels in a few locations around IGI Airport have been found to be higher than the internationally accepted limit of 45 NNI (Noise and Number Index).

(b) No such complaint has been received.

IAEP in Andhra Pradesh

343. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of Integrated Afforestation and Eco-Development Project (IAEP) in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the results achieved thereunder in the State during the Ninth Five Year Plan period;

(c) whether IAEP targets for the State have been fixed for the Tenth Five Year Plan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) Six projects in the districts of Nizamabad, Cuddappah, Anantapur, Kurnool, Chittoor and Khammam under Integrated Afforestation and Eco-Development Project Scheme (IAEPS) and one Coastal Shelterbelt Plantation Project were sanctioned during the Ninth Five Year Plan for implementation by the State Forest Department of Andhra Pradesh at a total cost of Rs. 1128.90 lakhs for development of 14326 ha. of degraded land. A Statement showing the physical and financial targets/ achievements is given in the Statement (See below).

(c) and (d) A scheme titled National Afforestation Programme (NAP) has been formulated by merger of four Ninth Plan Centrally Sponsored Afforestation Schemes, including IAEPS and all projects during the tenth plan period will be implemented through the two tier set-up, namely, the